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SIGNAL"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AL PCT Application WO 3/009636  
AM German PS 199 27 278  
AU U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0048376  
AV Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 2001166025, for  
Japanese Application 11354182  
AW Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 07260916, for  
Japanese Application 06076659

**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

Reference AL was identified and discussed at pages 2 and 3 of the present specification, and Applicant stands by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of this reference. Reference AL corresponds to copending United States application Serial No. 09/594,393, filed June 15, 2000, and under examination in Group Art Unit 2644. Applicant assumes the Examiner has access to this

copending application, and therefore has not burdened the present file with a duplicate copy. If the Examiner nevertheless would prefer that a copy be provided, the Examiner is requested to notify the undersigned counsel for the Applicant, and a copy will be submitted. The present application and this copending application are owned by the same assignee.

All of the other references were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the German counterpart application. Since all of those references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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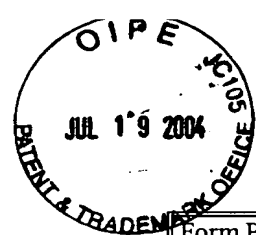
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